

Chicago in China.
Maeterlinck Press Agents.
"He Has All Kinds of Money."
Harden Criticizes Ebert.

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John J. Abbott, vice president of the huge Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, has gone to China. Japan is annoyed by the rumor that the big Chicago bank is starting to do in China the financing that Japan has done hitherto.

The United States is interested in the fact that it is a Chicago bank, not a New York bank, that is doing the work. Chicago men say that the United States is naturally the financial capital of the world, and Chicago naturally the financial capital of the United States.

New York capitalists who resent this suggestion will remember that Rome was once an Etruscan suburb.

Now when you say "Etruscan" the average man thinks only of the little Tanagra images that people bury, dig up, and sell when they are sufficiently decayed and stained to look like antiques. France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Russia have their great cities inland. Why not the U. S. A.?

Maeterlinck has written a new play, "A Burgomaster of Belgium."

German soldiers are in the burgomaster's house. A German officer has been shot and some one must die. The old burgomaster will not name a victim, so he is to be killed. His daughter's husband is the German officer chosen to command the firing squad.

It is a play of intense tragedy and power. Great crowds will see it. Two press agents tell you about the play in these two ways:

First Press Agent: "Maeterlinck, the mystic, the poet of dreary forests, misty dampness, old castles, and strange yearnings, has been transformed by the war. He is now the Maeterlinck of action, power, real life. The change presents a marvelously interesting psychological study."

Second Press Agent: "Get this point in your story. Maeterlinck, who is over sixty, went along with that mysterious smile until the other day when he got a divorce and married a young girl of twenty."

Then he broke loose and wrote this new play which packs them in and makes them sit up from the minute it starts until they shoot the old man. Make the point that you can't realize what a famous old writer until you see Maeterlinck's latest."

Which of the two press agents do you think will be the successful press agent in America?

Dr. Wilkins, rich citizen of Long Beach, N. Y., told the police that burglars were in his home. "They knocked me senseless. See, my hat is broken. They killed my wife with this hammer. It is not my hammer. My poor wife threw her arms around me. That made these bloodstains. Too bad, isn't it?"

There was green paint on the hammer, also on another tool that did belong to Dr. Wilkins. His hat was broken, but there was no mark on his head. The doctor said his wife died instantly; couldn't possibly have put her arms around his neck. Now the doctor is missing.

Detectives, asked why they hadn't arrested him, since they thought him guilty, answered, "He's worth all kinds of money. He'd have raised h—, if we had arrested him without being dead sure."

It makes a difference even in democratic America when you are worth "all kinds of money." If the doctor had told his hammer story on the fifth floor of a "cold-water" flat, he'd have been locked up, as a starter, and the man next door locked up with a witness.

The world hears again from Maximilian Harden, the only man in Germany out of jail that said what he pleased during the war. "The German people are crazy. The Kaiser, if he were not a coward, could return to Germany and regain his throne."

The latest Harden statement is interesting in a new way. He deplores the election of Ebert, the sadder, as president of the German republic, saying of Ebert, "He is undoubtedly honest, but so ordinary. I am told he wears a flashy pearl stick pin."

That is interesting criticism from Harden, an intelligent Polish Jew, who made a failure as an actor, and then success as a critic of autocracy. He ought to remember that Disraeli, another able member of his race, wore very flashy waistcoats of scarlet, embroidered with gold and was laughed at as "very ordinary."

That didn't keep him from being useful in government, or from justifying his prophecy to the drunken Tories who laughed him down in the House. "The day will come when you will listen to me."

A Frenchman is said to have started secretly on his way across the ocean in a Caudron flying machine. An American invented the machine, and an American ought to have been first to cross the

WEATHER:

Fair tonight and tomorrow; rising temperature at 8 a. m., 39 degrees. Normal temperature for March 19 for last thirty years, 44 degrees.

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BIG BANKS IN MERGER

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FINAL LEAGUE DRAFT GOES TO NEUTRALS TOMORROW

PARIS, March 19.—President Wilson and Col. E. M. House conferred with Lord Robert Cecil, of the British delegation, this morning. They are making every effort to complete the final draft of the League of Nations constitution and to reach agreements upon any essential changes, so that everything will be in readiness by March 20, when the neutrals will be admitted to make suggestions.

The feeling is general that no material changes will be made, and that the alterations will relate to the text.

French For Alliance.
The French have come into the open in favor of an alliance of the United States, Great Britain, and France, instead of a league of nations, but the American and British delegations decline to entertain this idea.

The supreme inter-allied war council met again this afternoon.

It was understood that final consideration would be given to the military, naval, and air terms to be imposed upon Germany.

LEAGUE WILL STRENGTHEN MONROE DOCTRINE, SAYS LORD CECIL OF ENGLAND

PARIS, March 19.—Lord Cecil, British expert on the League of Nations, today told correspondents the British delegation considers the covenant should be a part of a preliminary peace treaty with Germany. He said he did not believe its incorporation would in any way interfere with presentation of the treaty.

"If the Monroe doctrine means what I understand it to mean—non-interference in American affairs by Europeans without consent of the United States—there is no objection."

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KOREA PROCLAIMS HER INDEPENDENCE

Korea has proclaimed her national independence, according to State Department advices from Vladivostok this afternoon.

The action was taken by the Korean national council at Nikolokoe, on the Ussuri river, Siberia, which transmitted to all consular copies of the declaration of independence.

Later, the advices add, there was a parade in honor of the event, and copies of the declaration, translated into the Russian language, were distributed. There was no disorder.

BIG SHIP GOES ASHORE.
ST. JOHNS, N. B., March 19.—The light keeper at White Head Island, Bay of Fundy, reported a large steamer ashore on Old Proprietor ledge early today. He was unable to learn the identity of the vessel.

TODAY
ocean in one. But there seems to be something the matter with America when it comes to PIN-ISHING. We start it; somebody else finishes it. However, good luck to the Frenchman.

John L. Sullivan said of Corbett, when the battle was over: "I am glad I am licked by an American, if I had to be licked."

Uncle Sam will say: "I'm glad a Frenchman did it, since none of my boys did."

NEARLY 6,000 D. C. YANKS GET THEIR JOBS BACK

That the employment situation in Washington is excellent is indicated today in a statement issued by John Joy Edson, of the District Employment Committee, 1410 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Mr. Edson announces that nearly all of the 6,000 returned District soldiers have found jobs, while nearly all of the 8,500 in service will find jobs awaiting them shortly after they return.

"Out of about 6,000 returning District soldiers, it is interesting to note that about 2,800 have returned themselves, without aid, to their former employment or have obtained employment otherwise," said Mr. Edson. "About 3,200 have obtained positions through the committee."

60 "SLEEP" CASES NOW IN ALBANY

ALBANY, N. Y., March 19.—There are approximately sixty cases of "sleeping sickness" in Albany, it was announced today. These cases have developed since late in February, and it is said they have been kept secret by the health authorities.

Health Officer Sautter is expected to issue a statement on the situation today.

Two deaths have been reported.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Two more deaths from "sleeping sickness" have been reported to the health authorities here it was announced today. Mrs. Fannie Millinger, twenty-seven, died after two weeks of stupor. The other victim is Daisy Colucci, nine years old, whose illness is declared by physicians to be the true form of "lethargic encephalitis." In only about one half of the cases and deaths reported have post-influenza conditions been noticed.

Cases of sleeping sickness, the new malady, which is believed to be an aftermath of influenza, are scattered widely over the country, but not in alarming numbers, according to figures gathered today. Twenty-five or more deaths have occurred. More than 100 actual cases have been listed in seventeen cities, but there are believed to be many as yet unreported. Cleveland, Ohio, and Springfield, Ill., each reported twenty-five cases. New York has forty. Chicago's exact number is unknown, the health authorities not making it public.

Other cities showing a "trace" of the malady are Richmond, Va.; San Francisco, Fort Worth, Calumet, Mich.; Minneapolis, Des Moines, Los Angeles, Lancaster, Ohio, Boston, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

DIDN'T KNOW OF CHARGE, HE SAYS; READY TO FACE TRIAL

MINEOLA, N. Y., March 19.—Dr. Walter K. Wilkins, wanted for the murder of his wife, telegraphed District Attorney Weeks, from Baltimore, today, saying he would soon arrive here to testify before the grand jury.

Wilkins said in his telegram that he did not know there was a murder charge against him until he read it in the morning newspapers. He added that he was starting immediately for Mineola to tell all he knew about the case.

Text of Telegram.
The telegram was filed at Baltimore at 11:25 a. m. It said:

"District Attorney Charles Weeks: 'Morning papers say my case to be presented by you today. Would like to appear. Am returning to place myself in your hands.'

"W. K. WILKINS."

District Attorney Weeks got in touch with the authorities at Baltimore to check up on the sender of the telegram so as to be sure it was not a hoax to put him on the wrong trail. Trains along the routes between Baltimore and New York were ordered watched.

Dr. Wilkins has been missing since Sunday, when he disappeared just before a warrant was issued for his arrest on a charge of killing his wife, Julia, by beating her to death with a hammer at their Long Beach home the night of February 27. A general alarm was issued for the apprehension of Wilkins.

The telegram came from Wilkins while District Attorney Weeks was engaged in presenting evidence to the grand jury. An indictment against Wilkins is expected before night.

To Be Examined Again.

The body of Mrs. Wilkins is to be examined for a second time, it was learned. The authorities will seek to obtain an impression of her finger prints, to compare them with bloody smears on the walls and furniture of the house where she met death.

The authorities hope to prove that these finger prints were not hers, but were those of a man they believe to have been the accomplice of her husband. At the previous examination of the body Dr. Wilkins was present and assisted in the autopsy, which was performed in a burial vault. In support of the theory that Dr. Wilkins had an accomplice—or that this alleged accomplice actually killed Mrs. Wilkins, District Attorney Weeks said today he had learned that Mrs. Sophia Bentz, a neighbor, calling up the Wilkins New York residence the day after the murder, was informed by the housekeeper that "Dr. Wilkins is not at home; he murdered his wife last night."

According to Weeks, Mrs. Bentz asked the housekeeper how she knew, and the latter replied that a man had told her over the telephone.

Business Opportunities

LUNCH ROOM to the highest bidder; cash necessary; no triflers need apply. 482 Pa. ave.

Mr. M. D. McCarty wanted to sell his lunch room. He inserted the above ad in The Times under Business Opportunities and sold it immediately.

If you want to sell your business, offer it for sale through The Times. Phone Main 5260.

MAY BE GERMANY'S ENVOY TO U. S.



PRINCE CHARLES LICHNOWSKY, former German ambassador to Great Britain, who boldly accused Germany of starting the war and was expelled from the Prussian House of Lords as a result, may be the first ambassador of the new Germany to the United States when diplomatic relations are re-established, according to a dispatch from Stockholm.

CONFER TO CUT PRICES OF STEEL

With aim to bring down war prices, the Government today began a series of conferences with various industries.

Today's conference is with the new Industrial Board and the steel men, headed by Judge E. H. Gary and Charles M. Schwab. The expected result is a new schedule of steel and iron prices much lower than the present price, and probably somewhat above the pre-war figure. Tables of the board show that steel and iron average about 120 per cent higher prices than in 1914.

The plan of the board, to which the steel men have tentatively agreed, is to make one reduction that will stand for some time, so that the users of steel will feel safe in going ahead with large purchases. The steel men are preparing a new schedule to submit to the board. If this is approved, all Government purchases will be made at the figures submitted.

The board will also recommend the schedule to the public, with the practical result of fixing lower prices, it is expected. With steel as the basis of the building industry, the steel men and the board believe a big step toward peace time readjustment will be taken if lower prices can be agreed upon and stabilized.

Two "steel kings" are expected for today's conference. They are E. H. Gary, Charles M. Schwab, James A. Farrell, Alva C. Dinkley, Eugene C. Grace, John A. Topping, L. E. Block, James S. Burden, C. H. McCullough, Jr., H. C. Dalton, A. C. Houston, and William L. King.

MORE WAR BREAKS OUT IN BALKANS

LONDON, March 19.—More war in the Balkans.

According to dispatches from Rome, Serbian and Montenegrin troops engaged in a battle near Raniograd. The Serbians had been sent there to punish the Montenegrins, who are alleged to have attacked a Serbian convoy. Many were killed on both sides, including a Serbian general.

HOME SAVINGS BANK MERGED WITH SECURITY AND TRUST CO.

The boards of directors of the American Security and Trust Company and of the Home Savings Bank have unanimously voted to merge the two institutions, and thus make one institution, the largest in the District.

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for April 15 to ratify the action of the officers of the institutions.

At the regular meeting of the board of the American Security and Trust Company, held yesterday, terms of consolidation were approved.

Four-to-One Basis.
The merger will be on a four-to-one basis—four shares of trust company stock will be issued for each share of savings bank stock.

Four thousand additional shares of stock of the trust company will be issued in exchange for the savings bank stock.

After the consolidation the American Security and Trust Company will have a capital of \$3,400,000, with surplus and undivided profits of about \$2,400,000. This means an increase in capital of \$400,000 and a like increase in surplus and undivided profits. Deposits will aggregate \$25,000,000.

The total assets after consolidation will approximate \$30,000,000, making the bank one of the strongest financial institutions in this section of the country.

To Keep Offices.
According to plans made public today by the two institutions, the present offices of the Home Savings Bank will be maintained as the Home Savings branch of the American Security and Trust Company.

The officers of the Home Savings Bank will be part of the organization of the consolidated institution, and no changes in the personnel of the Home Savings Bank will be made. The number of the directors of the trust company will be increased so that five of the present directors of the bank may become directors of the trust company. This will make a total of thirty directors for the new institution.

In financial circles in Washington the merger is regarded as epochal in local financial history.

PLAN RADIO PHONE, CANADA TO IRELAND

LONDON, March 19.—The Marconi Wireless Company announced today that it is establishing a wireless telephone service between Ireland and Canada.

RAILROAD DETECTIVE SHOT BY PAIR OF TRESPASSERS

HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 19.—Walter Kettering, a railroad detective, was shot twice by two men in the Cumberland Valley railroad yards here yesterday.

Kettering had ordered the men to leave the yards. As he walked away both drew pistols and ordered him to throw up his hands. As he faced them both began firing.

Six suspects were later arrested.

200 NEW POSTMASTERS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

President Wilson today ordered the recess appointments of nearly two hundred postmasters. This is necessary because the Senate in its filibuster failed to approve the nominations to these offices, and it was necessary to fill vacancies.

CROSS-SEA AERO TO KEEP IN TOUCH BY RADIO

The Navy Department is completing plans for the trans-ocean flight of an American seaplane, some of the details of which became known today.

Destroyers will be strung along the route of the flight, about 200 miles apart. The plane, equipped with wireless telegraph and telephone, will be at all times in communication with the nearest ship.

BRITISH BUILD SECRET AERO FOR SEARACE

The British today appeared to have taken the lead in the three-cornered race between America, England, and France in the contest for the honor of sending the first airman across the Atlantic in an airplane or airship.

It was reported in Washington that a huge airplane, secretly built by the British had been shipped to St. John's, Newfoundland, to start on the transatlantic voyage within the next few days.

Harry G. Hawker, an Australian, noted for long-distance flying, will make the flight, say London dispatches.

The flight would be made from this side because the winds at this season of the year blow from east to west.

The distance from St. John's to Liverpool is about 1,900 miles, and is the shortest route from America to England.

Hawker's mystery airplane, it is reported, carries a 375-horsepower engine. The London Daily Mail has offered a reward of \$50,000 for the first transatlantic flight. The pilot believes the flight can be made in about 29½ hours.

U. S. Flyers Getting Ready.
Several American flyers are known to be making preliminary tests of value for making preliminary tests of value.

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UNDERWOOD RAPS EXPORTS EMBARGO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 19.—Declining to commit himself as to his attitude on the League of Nations covenant, Senator Oscar W. Underwood, home today, scored the delay in the signing of a treaty of peace, and the consequent continuation of the embargo of exportation to central Europe. He declared the embargo had been the direct cause of the loss of millions of dollars to the South.

Underwood was non-committal about his attitude toward the League of Nations.

"I reserve the right to keep an open mind on the proposed League of Nations," he said, "and naturally cannot forecast how I will vote on whatever final draft for a peace league may be completed for ratification."

QUESTION OF JEALOUSY TO DECIDE FATE OF JAPANESE

TOWSON, Md., March 19.—Did Dr. Norio Ishida kill Dr. Gorge B. Wolff as the result of perfectly normal jealousy over a pretty girl, or did he shoot him while suffering under the delusion of persecution? This is the question into which the trial before Chief Justice Burke and Associate Justices Duncan and McLane has now evolved.

This is the question which the three judges must answer before the problem of whether Ishida was legally responsible for his crime or not can be settled. If Ishida shot in jealousy he will go to the gallows. If the judges believe he was in a paranoic condition he will undoubtedly go free.

Suffered From Delusion.
Dr. John R. Oliver, medical officer and alienist for the supreme bench of Baltimore city, the first expert called by the defense today, declared that Ishida committed his crime while in a paranoic condition, and in a state of acute hallucinatory delusion.

That the question of whether or not Ishida was merely jealous of Dr. Wolff because Miss Billie Jacobs had spurned his attentions is prominent in the minds of the judges, was shown at the conclusion of Dr. Oliver's testimony. At that time Chief Justice Burke himself interrogated the witness.

Judge Burke asked Dr. Oliver if Dr. Ishida knew Dr. Wolff was against the law of the land at the time he committed the crime.

Dr. Oliver replied that he thought Ishida did not know that murder was wrong; but was suffering from a delusion that in committing the crime he was upholding the honor of both his native and his adopted land, that he believed his honor would be reinstated after the crime, a supposition contrary to fact and therefore a delusion.

"In common parlance," Dr. Oliver said, "Dr. Ishida was suffering a split in his personality."

No Reason for Jealousy.

In answer to a question from Judge McLane as to whether or not it was jealousy of Miss Jacobs which caused the murder, Dr. Oliver replied: "The only normal thing I noticed about Dr. Ishida was his interest in this very good looking girl. His jealousy of her was something entirely different and abnormal because there was no ground for it."

"Isn't it true," asked Judge McLane, "that the world-old emotion of jealousy has caused many sane men to commit a crime?"

"This is not the case here," Dr. Oliver replied, "because Dr. Ishida reacted to normal stimuli in an abnormal way by suspecting a perfectly harmless colleague of poisoning the girl's mind against him."

Dr. Oliver knew Dr. Ishida in the Smith clinic at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and when he examined him in the Towson jail, found a marked change in the man. When he first met him, Dr. Oliver said, Dr. Ishida could speak English very fluently, but that at the present time he was greatly disturbed in expressing himself or in applying a fact to a conclusion.

Memory Was Hazy.

"He seems to be very hazy in his memory concerning the two hours prior to the murder and the two hours following. I believe he was in a state of retrograde amnesia for several hours at the time of the crime. He doesn't even remember hearing the sounds of the shots he fired, and says that it was all like a dream to him."

On cross examination Dr. Oliver insisted he did not believe that Dr. Ishida was capable of designing or carrying out a criminal design at the time of the murder, and that he did not have reason enough to distinguish between right and wrong.

Dr. Ishida told me he did the killing to save his own honor," said Dr. Oliver, "when as a matter of fact he accomplished just the opposite and lost everything worth while in life by his act. That in itself is proof that he was not sane. He is not yet